

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Criminal No. 13-CR-20834

Plaintiff,

Hon. Thomas L. Ludington

Magistrate Charles E. Binder

V.

Offense:

**COUNT 2: Threatening to Kill President** 

TIMOTHY HEATH FINDLAY

18 U.S.C. § 871(a)

Defendant.

**Statutory Penalties:** 

Imprisonment - up to 5 years

Supervised Release – up to 3 years

Fine - up to \$250,000

### **RULE 11 PLEA AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, defendant and the government agree as follows:

### 1. GUILTY PLEA

### A. Count of Conviction

Defendant will enter a plea of guilty to count two of the indictment, which charges defendant with threatening to kill the President of the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 871(a).

### B. <u>Elements of Offense</u>

The elements of the offense are that on or about September 13, 2013:

- 1. defendant knowingly and willfully made a true threat to take the life of a victim; and
- 2. the victim was the President of the United States.

### C. Factual Basis for Guilty Pleas

The parties agree that the following facts are true and are a sufficient basis for defendant's guilty pleas:

In September of 2013, Timothy Findlay was in the Ogemaw County Jail for unrelated bomb threat charges filed in state court. During the week of September 8th, Findlay wrote two notes that were read by jail staff. The first note said, "I want to kill Judge Nobile and the President with a bomb." The second note said, "I want to bomb the white house." Additionally, defendant wrote on the walls of his jail cell: "Fucking Kill The President Bitches" and "Kill Obama." On September 13th, Findlay told Secret Service Agent Lee Kuykendall that if he were drunk he would definitely try to kill the President. Findlay admitted that he wanted to kill Barrack Obama. Further, Findlay stated that once he got out of prison he would get a rifle, borrow a car, drive to Washington DC, and kill the President.

### D. Additional Stipulations

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- 1. Findlay wrote a letter to the President around the spring of 2012 saying that he was going to kill President Obama. Findlay intended to mail the letter but a relative talked Findlay out of sending it.
- 2. In November 2013, Findlay wrote another note which was discovered by a jail guard which said "I'm going to kill all the Presidents of the United States . . . ."

### 2. SENTENCING GUIDELINES

### A. Standard of Proof

The court will find sentencing factors by a preponderance of the evidence.

### B. Agreed Guideline Range

There are no sentencing guideline disputes. Except as provided below, defendant's guideline range is 12-18 months, as stated in the attached worksheets. If the court finds: (a) that defendant's criminal history category is higher than reflected on the attached worksheets, or (b) that the offense level should be higher because, after pleading guilty, defendant made any false statement to or withheld information from his probation officer; committed a new offense; otherwise demonstrated a lack of acceptance of responsibility for his offense; or obstructed justice, and if any such finding results in a higher guideline range, the higher

guideline range becomes the agreed range of the parties.

Based on the present circumstances, the U.S. Attorney recommends that defendant be granted a reduction of two levels for acceptance of responsibility.

The U.S. Attorney may recommend against giving defendant credit for acceptance of responsibility if, after the guilty plea has been entered, the U.S. Attorney's office learns of information inconsistent with the adjustment.

Neither party may take a position in this court contrary to any position of that party as stated above, except as necessary to the court's determination regarding defendant's criminal history, acceptance of responsibility, and obstruction of justice. A breach of this condition will entitle the non-breaching party to withdraw from this plea agreement.

### 3. <u>SENTENCE</u>

The court will impose a sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553, and in doing so must consider the sentencing guideline range.

### A. Imprisonment

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C), the sentence of imprisonment in this case may not exceed the top of the sentencing guideline range as determined by paragraph 2B of this agreement.

### B. Supervised Release

A term of supervised release of up to three years shall follow the term of imprisonment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583(k). The agreement concerning imprisonment described above does not apply to any term of imprisonment that results from any later revocation of supervised release.

### C. Special Assessment

Defendant will pay a special assessment of \$100.

### D. Fine

The court may impose a fine in any amount up to \$250,000.

### E. Restitution

Restitution is not applicable in this case.

### 4. <u>OTHER CHARGES</u>

If the court accepts this agreement, the government will dismiss count one and not bring additional charges against defendant based on any of the conduct reflected in the attached worksheets and the above stipulated facts.

# 5. EACH PARTY'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS AGREEMENT

The government may withdraw from this agreement if the court imposes a sentence below the applicable guideline range as determined by paragraph 2B.

Defendant may withdraw from this agreement, and may withdraw his guilty plea, if the court decides to impose a sentence higher than the maximum allowed by this agreement. This is the only reason for which defendant may withdraw from this agreement. If defendant decides not to withdraw his guilty plea pursuant to this provision, the sentence that the court imposes may be greater than that allowed by this agreement.

### 6. APPEAL AND COLLAERAL ATTACK WAIVER

Defendant waives the right to appeal his conviction or sentence on any grounds. If the sentence imposed is within the guideline range determined by Paragraph 2B, the government agrees not to appeal the sentence but retains its right to appeal any sentence below that range.

Defendant understands that defendants generally have the right to attack their convictions and sentences by filing post-conviction motions, petitions, or independent civil actions. As part of this agreement, however, defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives that right and agrees not to contest his

conviction or sentence in any post-conviction proceeding, including-but not limited to-any proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

# 7. CONSEQUENCES OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA OR VACATION OF CONVICTION

If defendant is allowed to withdraw his guilty plea, or if the conviction entered pursuant to this agreement is vacated, any charges dismissed or not made pursuant to this agreement, and additional charges which relate directly or indirectly to the conduct underlying the guilty pleas or to any conduct reflected in the stipulated facts or attached worksheets, may be filed against defendant within six months after the order vacating defendant's conviction(s) or allowing him to withdraw his guilty plea becomes final. Defendant waives his right to challenge the additional charges on the ground that they were not filed in a timely manner, including any claim that they were filed after the limitations period expired.

### 8. PARTIES TO PLEA AGREEMENT

Unless otherwise indicated, this agreement does not bind any government agency except the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

### 9. SCOPE OF PLEA AGREEMENT

This agreement, which includes all documents that it explicitly incorporates, is the complete agreement between the parties. Except as provided in the next paragraph, this agreement supersedes all other promises, representations, understandings and agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter of this plea agreement that were made at any time before the guilty plea is entered in court. Thus, no oral or written promises made by the government to defendant or to the attorney for the defendant at any time before defendant pleads guilty are binding except to the extent they have been explicitly incorporated into this agreement.

However, unless expressly stated herein, this agreement does not supersede or abrogate the terms of any cooperation agreement between the parties, and each party retains whatever obligations and protections that exist under such cooperation agreement. Similarly, unless expressly stated herein, this agreement does not supersede or abrogate the terms of any proffer letter (often referred to as a "Kastigar letter"), pursuant to which defendant agreed to provide information to the government to assist the government in determining how to resolve the matter, but which also provided defendant certain protections in the form of

agreed upon restrictions on the government's ability to use the information provided. Unless expressly stated herein, the terms and conditions of any such proffer letter are not abrogated by this plea agreement, and remain operative and binding on the parties according to the terms of that proffer letter.

This agreement also does not prevent any civil or administrative actions against defendant, or any forfeiture claim against any property, by the United States or any other party.

### 10. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Defendant understands that a felony conviction makes it illegal under most circumstances for a person to possess or receive a firearm or ammunition.

### 11. ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT BY DEFENDANT

This plea offer expires unless it has been received, fully signed, in the Office of the United States Attorney by 5:00 P.M. on January 23, 2014. The

government reserves the right to modify or revoke this offer at any time before defendant pleads guilty.

BARBARA L. McQUADE

United States Attorney

Assistant U.S. Attorney

JANET L. PARKER

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Deputy Chief, Branch Offices

Date:

, 2014

By signing below, defendant acknowledges having read (or been read) this entire document, understanding it, and agreeing to its terms. Defendant also acknowledges being satisfied with defense attorney's advice and representation. Defendant acknowledges having had a full and complete opportunity to confer with counsel, and that all of defendant's questions have been answered by counsel.

KENNETH R. SASSE

Attorney for Defendant

Defendant

Date:

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<u>Guidelin</u>			scription	Levels
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2A6.1(b)(2)	Offense	Offense involved more than two threats		
2. Adjus	STMENTS (U.S.S.G.	ch. 3, pts. A, B, C)		
Guideline	e Section	<u>De</u>	scription	<u>Levels</u>
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If the defendan	nt has no criminal histo	ory, check this box and sk	ip Worksheet C.	

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### WORKSHEET C (Criminal History)

Date of defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses): March 2012

#### 1. PRIOR SENTENCES

Prior Sentence of Imprisonment Exceeding 13 Months (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(a)): 3 POINTS

Enter 3 points for each prior adult sentence of imprisonment exceeding one year and one month that either (1) was imposed within 15 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offenses (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) or (2) resulted in the defendant's confinement during any part of that 15-year period. (See U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(a), 4A1.2(d)(1), (e)(1).)

Prior Sentence of Imprisonment of at Least 60 Days (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b)): 2 POINTS

Enter 2 points for each prior sentence of imprisonment of at least 60 days not counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) that either (1) resulted from an offense committed after the defendant turned 18 and was imposed within 10 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b), 4A1.2(e)(2)) or (2) resulted from an offense committed before the defendant turned 18 and resulted in the defendant's confinement during any part of the 5-year period preceding the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b), 4A1.2(d)(2)(A)).

Other Prior Sentences (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(c)):

<u> 1 POINT</u>

Enter 1 point for each prior sentence not counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) or (b) that either (1) resulted from an offense committed after the defendant turned 18 and was imposed within 10 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(c), 4A1.2(e)(2)) or (2) resulted from an offense committed before the defendant turned 18 and was imposed within 5 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(c), 4A1.2(d)(2)(B)). NOTE: No more than 4 points may be added under this item.

Date of Imposition	Status*	Offense	<u>Sentence</u>	Release <u>Date**</u>	<u>Points</u>
10/20/1994	A	break & enter building with intent	180 days jail		0
08/05/1993	A	fire false alarm	90 days jail		0
04/12/2004	A	attempted malicious destruction of a building less than \$200	46 days jail		1
03/06/2006	A	disorderly drunk	fine and cost		1
3/22/2010	A	Emergency 911 service using for unauthorized purpose	45 days jail		1
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0-1

2-3

4-6 7-9 10-12 ≥13

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VI

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months

\*\*\*guidelines are at least 18-24 months if convicted as charged\*\*\*

STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS ON OR SUPERSESSION OF GUIDELINE RANGE 7.

If the maximum sentence authorized by statute is below, or a minimum sentence required by statute is above, the guideline range entered in Item 6, enter either the guideline range as restricted by statute or the sentence required by statute. (See U.S.S.G. § 5G1.1.) If the sentence on any count of conviction is required by statute to be consecutive to the sentence on any other count of conviction, explain why.

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WORKS	SHE	ETE (Authorized	Guideline S	entences)	
1. PROB	BATIO	ON (U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pt. B)			
	a.	Imposition of a Term of P	robation (U.S.S	.G. § 5B1.1)	
х	1.	Probation is not authorized be conviction is a Class A or a c	by the guidelines (1) Class B felony).	minimum of guideline range > 6 months or statute of If this box is checked, go to Item 2 (Split Sentence).	
	2.	Probation is authorized by the	ne guidelines (mini	mum of guideline range = zero months).	
	3.:	conditions requiring intermit	ttent confinement,	ided the court imposes a condition or combination of community confinement, or home detention satisfying of guideline range $> 0$ months but $\le 6$ months).	
	b.	. Length of Term of Probat	ion (U.S.S.G. §	5B1.2)	
	1.	At least 1 year but not more	than 5 years (total	offense level ≥ 6).	
	2.	No more than 3 years (total	offense level < 6).		
	c.	Conditions of Probation	(U.S.S.G. § 5B1	3)	
		The court must impose certain	conditions of probat	ion and may impose other conditions of probation.	
2.	S	SPLIT SENTENCE (U.S.S.G	5. § 5C1.1(c)(2),	(d)(2))	
х	a.	. A split sentence is not autho	rized (minimum o	f guideline range = $0$ months or $> 10$ months).	
	b.	may impose a sentence of in substitutes community confi of the minimum of the guide range is 8, 9, or 10 months).	nprisonment that in inement or home deline range is satistor that at least one	ideline range > 0 months but ≤ 10 months). The court necludes a term of supervised release with a condition that etention for imprisonment, provided that at least one-half fied by imprisonment (if the minimum of the guideline e month is satisfied by imprisonment (if the minimum of The authorized length of the term of supervised release is	
3.	I	MPRISONMENT (U.S.S.G.	ch. 5, pt. C)		
	A (6	A term of imprisonment is authentered in Item 6 of Workshee	norized by the guet D). (See U.S.	idelines if it is within the applicable guideline range S.G. § 5C1.1.)	

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4.	SUPERVISED RELEASE	(U.S.S.G. ch 5., pt. D)	)
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b.

a. <u>Imposition of a Term of Supervised Release</u> (U.S.S.G. § 5D1.1)

Length of Term of Supervised Release (U.S.S.G. § 5D1.2)

The court must impose a term of supervised release if it imposes a term of imprisonment of more than one year, or if it is required to do so by statute. The court may impose a term of supervised release if it imposes a term of imprisonment of one year or less.

1.1. At least 3 years but not more than 5 years, where the count of conviction is a Class A or a Class B felony, i.e., an

- offense carrying a maximum term of imprisonment ≥ 25 years.
- 2. At least 1 year but not more than 3 years, where the count of conviction is a Class C or a Class D felony, i.e., an offense carrying a maximum term of imprisonment ≥ 5 years but < 25 years.
- 3. I year, where the count of conviction is a Class E felony or a Class A misdemeanor, i.e., an offense carrying a maximum term of imprisonment > 6 months but < 5 years.
- 4. The statute of conviction requires a minimum term of supervised release of <u>years</u>.
- c. Conditions of Supervised Release (U.S.S.G. § 5D1.3)

The court must impose certain conditions of supervised release and may impose other conditions of supervised release.

### 5. RESTITUTION (U.S.S.G. $\S$ 5E1.1)

- 1. The court *must* order full restitution to the victim(s) of the offense(s) of conviction. (See 18 U.S.C. §§ 3556, 3663A, 3664.) The court will determine who the victims are and their restitution amounts.
- 2. The court *must* order full restitution to the victim(s) of the offense(s) of conviction. (See 18 U.S.C. §§ 3556, 3663A, 3664) The parties agree that full restitution is §
- 3. The parties agree that the court *may* order restitution to the victim(s) of the offense(s) of conviction in any amount up to and including \$\_\_\_\_\_. (See 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663(a)(3), 3664.)
- 4. The parties agree that the court *may also* order restitution to persons other than the victim(s) of the offense(s) of conviction in any amount up to and including \$\_\_\_\_\_. (See 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663(a)(1)(A), 3663A(a)(3), 3664.)
- X 5. Restitution is not applicable.

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6.	FINE (U	(.S.S.G. § 5E1.2)		(WORKSHEET E, p. 3)
		or Individual Defendants		
	The court is able to pay established	must impose a fine unless "the defer any fine." (See U.S.S.G. § 5E1.2	(a).) Generally, t	hat he [or she] is unable to pay and is not likely to become he fine authorized by the guidelines is limited to the range wever, there are exceptions to this general rule. (See
	b. Fine Ra	nge from Fine Table (U.S.S.G. §	5E1.2(c)(3))	
		Minimum Fine	Maxim	ım Fine
		\$3,000	\$ 30,000	
7.	SPECIAL	ASSESSMENT(S) (U.S.S.G.	§ 5E1.3)	
	The court of defendants		on every count of	conviction. The special assessments for individual
	\$ 25.00 \$ 10.00	for every count charging a felony of for every count charging a Class of for every count charging a Class of for every count charging a Class	A misdemeanor (SB misdemeanor (SB)	S125 for a corporation),
The	defendant m	nust pay a special assessment or sp	pecial assessments	in the total amount of \$\frac{\$100}{}.
8.	FORFEIT	ΓURE (U.S.S.G. § 5Ε1.4)		
	Assets of	f the defendant will be forfeited	х	Assets of defendant will not be forfeited
9.	ADDITIO	ONAL APPLICABLE GUIDEL	INES, POLICY	STATEMENTS, AND STATUTES
	List any ac	lditional applicable guideline, poli	cy statement, or st	atute.
10.	UPWARI	D OR DOWNWARD DEPART	URE (U.S.S.G.	ch. 5, pts. H & K)
	List any app guideline ra		umstance that might	support a term of imprisonment above or below the applicable
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